

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 692 - HB 1527

April 6, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires certain candidates for United States Senate to be nominated by members of the Tennessee House of Representatives and Tennessee Senate. Prohibits a person nominated as a party candidate at two consecutive joint caucuses, and who serves as a United States Senator for two consecutive terms, from being eligible for nomination at the next joint caucus at which a candidate is nominated to fill the office of United States Senator to which such person was elected.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006676): Deletes language from the original bill that prohibits a person nominated as a party candidate at two consecutive joint caucuses, and who serves as a United States Senator for two consecutive terms, from being eligible for nomination at the next joint caucus at which a candidate is nominated to fill the office of United States Senator to which such person was elected.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed language would only apply to candidates for United State Senate who are seeking nomination from either the majority or minority party. Nominations for United States Senate for a recognized minor party will not be changed under the provisions of this legislation.
- Under current law, Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-13-202, statewide political parties nominate their candidates for Governor, General Assembly, United States Senate, and United States House of Representatives, with such candidates placed on the primary election ballot in the August.
- Candidates of the majority or minority party for a United States Senate seat will be removed from the primary election ballot and be nominated by members of their

respective political parties serving in the Tennessee House of Representatives and the Tennessee Senate during joint caucuses.

- It is assumed that any joint caucus meeting will occur during a regularly-scheduled legislative meeting and will not require additional payment of per diem or travel reimbursement for members of the General Assembly.
- Primary elections will still be held for other state and local offices; therefore, the removal of candidates for United States Senator from primary election ballots will not result in any significant decrease in state or local government expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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